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北京 今晨 緊張

高層鬥爭·局面突變 趙紫陽勢危！

有謂李鵬將取代總書記

【本報訊】（香港電）北京消息：中共最高領導層內部，因對當前局勢之看法不同，已發生嚴重分歧。據悉，趙紫陽在當前局勢下，其地位已岌岌可危。有傳言指，李鵬將取代趙紫陽之地位，成為中共最高領導人。此舉將對當前局勢產生重大影響。據悉，趙紫陽在當前局勢下，其地位已岌岌可危。有傳言指，李鵬將取代趙紫陽之地位，成為中共最高領導人。此舉將對當前局勢產生重大影響。

圍城兵力增強 估計達十五萬

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：圍城兵力已增強至十五萬人。據悉，圍城部隊已加強了對北京之包圍，並加強了對北京之封鎖。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，圍城部隊已加強了對北京之包圍，並加強了對北京之封鎖。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。

李鵬戒嚴令 海空軍支持

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：李鵬已發出戒嚴令，並得到海空軍之支持。據悉，李鵬已發出戒嚴令，並得到海空軍之支持。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，李鵬已發出戒嚴令，並得到海空軍之支持。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。

今再環市大遊行 知識界成立組織

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：今日將再次舉行環市大遊行，知識界已成立組織。據悉，今日將再次舉行環市大遊行，知識界已成立組織。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，今日將再次舉行環市大遊行，知識界已成立組織。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。

北京電子傳媒 已受李鵬控制

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：北京之電子傳媒已受到李鵬之控制。據悉，北京之電子傳媒已受到李鵬之控制。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，北京之電子傳媒已受到李鵬之控制。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。



人民的力量

（北京電）北京消息：北京之局勢日益緊張。據悉，北京之局勢日益緊張。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，北京之局勢日益緊張。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。



萬里晤布殊後即歸國

萬里晤布殊後即歸國 學生聯羣赴機場迎接

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：萬里在與布殊會晤後，已返回中國。據悉，學生聯羣已前往機場迎接萬里。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，學生聯羣已前往機場迎接萬里。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。

護憲聯席會議成立 學生動向今有決定

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：護憲聯席會議已正式成立。據悉，學生之動向將於今日有決定。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，學生之動向將於今日有決定。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。

以善抗惡時代開始了！ 十萬大學生宣誓 願獻生命保民主

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：今日開始了以善抗惡之時代。據悉，十萬大學生已宣誓願獻生命保民主。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，十萬大學生已宣誓願獻生命保民主。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。



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初願受訪後竟變 人大常委態度突變

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：人大常委之態度在受訪後發生了突變。據悉，人大常委之態度在受訪後發生了突變。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，人大常委之態度在受訪後發生了突變。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。

堵截軍隊防衛網收窄 輪流守衛天安門廣場

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：軍隊之防衛網已收窄，天安門廣場將由軍隊輪流守衛。據悉，軍隊之防衛網已收窄，天安門廣場將由軍隊輪流守衛。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，軍隊之防衛網已收窄，天安門廣場將由軍隊輪流守衛。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。

溫元凱接受本報長途電話訪問 促公開高層決策內幕

【本報訊】（北京電）北京消息：溫元凱接受了本報之長途電話訪問。據悉，溫元凱促公開高層決策內幕。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。據悉，溫元凱促公開高層決策內幕。此舉將對北京之局勢產生重大影響。



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自學生熟食以來，經一天有二千四百九十九人的靜坐學生就診。現在數已大體回復，有過多之勢。

【中新社北京二十日電】在五月十一日召開的北京市各醫院院長、衛生局局長、防疫局長會上透露的。

到昨大停止，首都五十八所醫院，累計診治病例，收留察看染病留院學生九千一百人次，其中留院學生一千一百人。

快報

管軍全國不惜平暴 防佈京進區軍廣州包括

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一九八九年五月廿五日 星期日
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政治局通知各單位 趙李二人先後下台

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，中共中央政治局已決定，趙紫陽、李鵬二人先後下台。此項決定，係在廿四日政治局會議上通過的。據悉，趙、李二人下台，係因其在處理六四事件中的表現，引起黨內不滿。趙紫陽被指在處理六四事件時，表現軟弱，未能果斷採取行動。李鵬則被指在處理六四事件時，表現過於強硬，未能顧及大局。此項決定，引起各界關注。有人認為，趙、李二人下台，是黨內權力鬥爭的結果。也有人認為，趙、李二人下台，是黨內改革的需要。目前，黨內正就趙、李二人下台後的繼任人選進行討論。

鄧予福利獲軍人支持

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，鄧小平在處理六四事件中的表現，獲得軍人支持。據悉，鄧小平在處理六四事件時，表現果斷，能夠果斷採取行動，獲得軍人支持。軍人認為，鄧小平在處理六四事件時，表現果斷，能夠果斷採取行動，獲得軍人支持。目前，鄧小平正就處理六四事件進行部署。



一名學生在維園中與李鵬下台。

置身事外或形勢所迫？ 萬里返國巡飛上海

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，萬里在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，萬里在處理六四事件中的表現，是置身事外或形勢所迫。目前，萬里正就處理六四事件進行部署。

靜坐學生開始消沉

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，靜坐學生開始消沉。據悉，靜坐學生在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，靜坐學生在處理六四事件中的表現，是消沉的。目前，靜坐學生正就處理六四事件進行部署。

共青團發出通告 禁團員聲援學生

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，共青團發出通告，禁團員聲援學生。據悉，共青團在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，共青團在處理六四事件中的表現，是禁團員聲援學生的。目前，共青團正就處理六四事件進行部署。

局勢告急 亟須解決

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，局勢告急，亟須解決。據悉，局勢在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，局勢在處理六四事件中的表現，是亟須解決的。目前，局勢正就處理六四事件進行部署。

萬里昨倉卒返大陸處理危機

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，萬里昨倉卒返大陸處理危機。據悉，萬里在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，萬里在處理六四事件中的表現，是倉卒返大陸處理危機的。目前，萬里正就處理六四事件進行部署。

四軍區與26省市 向中央表示效忠

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，四軍區與26省市向中央表示效忠。據悉，四軍區與26省市在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，四軍區與26省市在處理六四事件中的表現，是向中央表示效忠的。目前，四軍區與26省市正就處理六四事件進行部署。

光明與黑暗最後決戰

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學生設「智囊團」誓死保天安門

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，學生設「智囊團」誓死保天安門。據悉，學生在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，學生在處理六四事件中的表現，是設「智囊團」誓死保天安門的。目前，學生正就處理六四事件進行部署。

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泰國總理邀請趙紫陽 局勢正常儘快往訪問

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，泰國總理邀請趙紫陽，局勢正常儘快往訪問。據悉，泰國總理在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，泰國總理在處理六四事件中的表現，是邀請趙紫陽，局勢正常儘快往訪問的。目前，泰國總理正就處理六四事件進行部署。

列舉趙紫陽犯三大罪狀

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，列舉趙紫陽犯三大罪狀。據悉，趙紫陽在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，趙紫陽在處理六四事件中的表現，是犯三大罪狀的。目前，趙紫陽正就處理六四事件進行部署。

鄧小平下令拘趙等40人

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，鄧小平下令拘趙等40人。據悉，鄧小平在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，鄧小平在處理六四事件中的表現，是下令拘趙等40人的。目前，鄧小平正就處理六四事件進行部署。

態度強硬 毛澤東「陽謀」翻版

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，態度強硬，毛澤東「陽謀」翻版。據悉，態度在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，態度在處理六四事件中的表現，是毛澤東「陽謀」翻版的。目前，態度正就處理六四事件進行部署。

鄧李行動迫在眉睫

【本報北京廿四日電】北京廿四日傳出消息，鄧李行動迫在眉睫。據悉，鄧李在處理六四事件中的表現，引起各界關注。有人認為，鄧李在處理六四事件中的表現，是行動迫在眉睫的。目前，鄧李正就處理六四事件進行部署。

極可能血洗天安門

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明報

高層內爭激烈 政治局委員為防萬一 多已搬遷遷入中南海

【本報北京二十三日專電】據消息人士透露，中共中央政治局委員們，為了防範不測，多已搬遷遷入中南海。據悉，政治局委員們搬入中南海後，將與中央領導層有更密切的聯繫，並加強對各項工作的領導。此外，中南海的戒備也將進一步加強，以確保領導層的安全。

觀衆二萬餘元捐款 中央電視台交學生

【本報北京二十三日專電】中央電視台日前收到各界人士捐款二萬餘元，用於支持學生。這些捐款將由中央電視台轉交給有關部門，用於改善學生的生活條件和學習環境。中央電視台表示，將繼續關注社會公益事業，為社會做出更多貢獻。

人民為什麼爆發了憤怒？

【本報北京二十三日專電】最近，中國社會各界對政府政策的憤怒情緒日益高漲。這種憤怒主要源於政府在經濟改革過程中採取的一些措施，如物價上漲、失業率上升等。人們認為，政府應該更加關心民生，採取有效措施減輕負擔，而不是單方面推行政改。這種憤怒反映了人民對政府政策的強烈不滿和對自身利益的維護。



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【本報北京二十三日專電】據消息人士透露，中共中央政治局高層正在就解決當前危機的方案進行激烈討論。與會者認為，李鵬的領導風格和決策方式已經嚴重威脅到黨的領導地位，必須予以撤換。同時，也有聲音主張趙紫陽應辭職，由萬里全權處理學運。此外，田紀雲被視為可能的繼任總理人選。目前，各方正密切關注事態發展。

乘裝甲車火車飛機而來 大批軍隊趕抵北京 軍官坦言為應付高層權力鬥爭

【本報北京二十三日專電】大批軍隊已乘裝甲車、火車和飛機趕抵北京，以應對當前局勢。據悉，這些軍隊的調動是為了加強首都的防務，並確保領導層的安全。一位軍官在接受採訪時表示，軍隊的調動主要是為了應付高層權力鬥爭，防止事態擴大。目前，北京局勢緊張，各方正密切關注事態發展。

衛星對外傳送新聞 北京當局又告禁止

【本報北京二十三日專電】北京當局再次禁止衛星向外傳送新聞。當局表示，衛星傳送的內容未經審核，存在洩露國家機密的風險。此舉被視為是對國際輿論的封鎖，旨在防止不利於政府的信息外流。然而，消息人士指出，這種做法並不能阻止信息的傳播，反而會引起國際社會的更大關注。

台籍常委促公開進行 第八次人大常委會議

【本報北京二十三日專電】一位台籍常委呼籲第八次全國人民代表大會常務委員會會議應公開進行。該常委認為，公開進行會議有助於提高政府工作的透明度，並加強與選民的聯繫。然而，當局對此表示反對，認為公開進行會議可能會洩露國家機密。目前，會議的具體安排仍在討論中。



【本報北京二十三日專電】學生新領導層昨日宣誓為新民主共和國奮鬥。在宣誓儀式上，學生代表們表示，他們將繼續為民主和自由而鬥爭，並呼籲政府尊重人權。此舉被視為是學生運動進入新階段的重要標誌。當局對此表示警惕，並加強了對學生活動的監控。

【本報北京二十三日專電】彭沖表示，全國人民代表大會常務委員會會議不應召開。彭沖認為，當前局勢不穩定，召開會議可能會導致事態擴大。他呼籲政府採取措施穩定局勢，並與學生進行對話。然而，當局對此表示反對，認為召開會議是必要的。目前，會議是否召開仍在爭論中。

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Li and Zhao tipped to fall

Wan Li back for party shakeup

Mr Wan Li, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), is flying back to a political crisis which will see a top-level reshuffle.

He is expected to return to Beijing early today as more members of the NPC Standing Committee are joining a call to convene a NPC special session to discuss the crisis triggered by the month-long student unrest.

The reform-minded leader, an ally to the beleaguered Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, cut short his official overseas visit to help settle reshuffle problems.

Beijing students, who are waiting for the return of Mr Wan, plan to ask him to convene a special session of the NPC to discuss the current unrest in China.

A delegation of seven students were preparing to meet him at the Beijing airport terminal used by the top leaders and visiting dignitaries.

"We will ask Mr Wan to save the nation and our students," their representative, Mr Xue Xiangqian said. "Now 80 to 90 percent of the nation recognises Li Peng as an enemy."

Handfuls of thousands of student demonstrators have been demanding the resignation of Mr Li, who announced martial law in Beijing six days ago.

Mr Xue, a student from Beijing Agricultural Engineering University, said students would also "check whether Mr Wan is really sick." He health was given as the official reason for the interruption of Mr Wan's visit to Washington on Tuesday, after he met with US President George Bush, who urged restraint in dealing with the crisis.

The students admitted that they were not certain they would be able to pass their message to Mr Wan, whose time of arrival here was not known.

But Mr Xue said the students were discussing the possibility of leaving their appeal with Chinese officials.

Two of the seven students were at the airport terminal yesterday evening, surrounded by a supportive crowd, while the five others were "resting" at a nearby police station, Chinese sources said. Another group of students set off on foot from central Tiananmen Square carrying banners and wearing armbands and said they would hitch a lift to the airport, 30 kilometres from the place.

They said they were heading to the airport "to welcome Wan Li" to voice his support.

Mr Wan, 73, also an ally of the late party general secretary Hu Yaobang, has spoken in support of "arbitrary" students.

Analysts believe he could play an important role in the resolution of the current crisis and his name has even surfaced as possible interim leader.

Accusations fly before Politburo

By Tammy Tam in Beijing

COMMUNIST Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang and Premier Li Peng may both be casualties in China's political crisis.

An enlarged meeting of the party Politburo, in its third day yesterday, is believed to have a proposal before it that Politburo Standing Committee member Mr Qiao Shu replace Mr Zhao.

It is understood the increasingly unpopular Mr Li's position has been tipped to go to another Standing Committee member, Mr Yao Yilin.

The enlarged meeting of the Politburo was held at Xishan, the headquarters of the General Logistics Department of the People's Liberation Army.

This is also where paramount leader Deng Xiaoping is arranging emergency employment under Beijing's martial law order, according to an informed source.

In a confrontation the anti-Li Peng faction, including Mr Li Xianmin, chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Mr Qiao, and some members of the party Central Advisory Commission, accused Mr Li and State President Yang Shangkun of preparing a coup d'état by imposing martial law in Beijing.

Charges against Mr Zhao include the organising of counter-revolutionary cliques and being the biggest official profiteer.

The source said if Mr Deng decided to declare Mr Zhao and his close aides a "counter-revolutionary clique" and, in order to prevent a counter-offensive, the paramount leader would put the nation under full military control.

And as tension mounted in the capital, the new blackout imposed under martial law was suddenly reimposed, after being lifted for less than 20 hours.

International Direct China facilities were also cut. The state-owned China Central Television (CCTV) told foreign media about 6pm yesterday that transmission would be banned by midnight. No official explanation was given, but a CCTV official told reporters it was "some what related" to the political crisis.

"It is definitely related to martial law," he said. Meanwhile, a third police force limit selling, the army generals such



Mr Li Peng

as marshals Nie Rongzhen and Xu Xiangping emerged yesterday.

This group, which opposes violence against demonstrators, was said to be neutral in the leadership power struggle.

Another informed source said Mr Zhao would step down within days in the coming fourth plenary session of the Central Committee.

Mr Zhao is almost doomed after being accused as head of counter-revolutionary cliques at Tuesday's meeting, a source said.

More party leaders are gathering in Beijing for an important meeting of the Politburo and others said it was the full session of the Central Committee.

Mr Xu Jiatun, the Xinhua director in Hong Kong, arrived in Beijing last night.

Meanwhile, more troops were deployed around Beijing yesterday. An informed source said eight army units were sent to the capital, two coming from Jinan and two from Shenyang.

It was said the first army marching into the capital was the one under control of General Yan Yang.

In China, only the chairman of the Central Military Commission has the power to order a group

army to move. At present, there are 24 group armies.

On Tuesday, six force planes transported weapons and living necessities through Nanyuan military airport. There are about 500,000 soldiers deployed around Beijing.

An army officer interviewed by CCTV said the troops were waiting for further orders but did not come to suppress the students.

Analysts said the number of armies mobilised had far exceeded that needed to handle the student unrest.

Mr Deng was prepared for any possible coup by bringing in troops, the sources said.

"Deng is still firmly in control of the army. More military area commanders have openly showed their support to martial law. That does not mean they support Li Peng. They support Deng because there will be no excuse to send in troops without martial law," a source said.

Meanwhile, a group of members of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress are continuing their effort to elect more signatures in support of a special urgent meeting.

A Standing Committee member said yesterday they were preparing material to be used against Mr Li and they would call for the premier's resignation if the special NPC session could be convened.

Mr Huang Shunxing, a Taiwanese member of the NPC Standing Committee, said that by yesterday they had collected 57 signatures.

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Meanwhile, an agency said a report made three days ago by Mr Li Ximing, the Beijing party chief, claimed the student movement was not started spontaneously.

He said it was controlled by prominent dissidents such as Professor Fang Lizi and Mr Ren Wanglei, who had served jail terms for the student Spring movement 10 years ago. Mr Li urged the party to take a "small band of troublemakers."

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70,000 in Hongkong marches

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Councillors hope new consensus will end rift

By Johnson So

EXECUTIVE and Legislative Councillors hope their consensus on speedy post-legislative developments will bridge the rift between political rivals.

Councillors reached a compromise on how fast post-user, political reforms should proceed, breaking three years of impasse on the issue in the councils.

After a 2½-hour meeting of both councils yesterday the conservatives sided with their liberal colleagues and asked that 50 percent of the local legislative seats be open to direct elections in 1997.

The enthusiasm shown by Hongkong people in Sunday's rally by a million people was cited by some conservatives as the driving force for the abridgement.

All councillors agreed the number of directly elected seats should be increased to two-thirds in 1999 (the second post-1997 legislature), leading to a fully directly-elected legislature in 2003 (the third term).

Before the year 2003, legislative seats other than those directly-elected should be filled by legislators elected through functional constituencies.

The official reaction of the business and professional Basic Law lobby, better known as the Group of 78, is not known but its members in Legco shifted ground yesterday.

In a rare move, the group decided to call a full meeting tomorrow to study the latest development.

Senior Executive Council member, Dame Lydia Dunn said all legislators had pledged to commend the unanimous proposal to their supporters and constituents.

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She said that yesterday's meeting opened with some legislators giving very different views, but members were able to compromise in the end.

Asked whether the recent political developments in Beijing had had any bearing on the councilors' decision, Dame Lydia said that whatever happened in China would obviously have an influence on what happened in Hong Kong.

But the most important consideration should be:

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Nationalists choose Lee for election drive

TAIPEI: Mr Lee Huan, secretary-general of Taiwan's Nationalist Party, was yesterday named prime minister to lead the government into crucial elections this year.

The nomination of Mr Lee, 71, by President Lee Teng-hui was confirmed at a weekly meeting of the party's policymaking Central Standing Committee.

It now needs parliamentary approval.

Mr Lee will replace Mr Yu Kuo-hua, who was viewed by liberals as a relic of Taiwan's authoritarian past and a liability in December's elections when, for the first time, the Nationalists will seek a popular mandate.

"Lee's primary mission is to win the elections this year," said Professor Hu Pu, of National Taiwan University.

A large number of parliamentary seats will be up for election under democratic reforms sponsored by the Nationalists.

In previous limited elections, the opposition, backed by Taiwanese natives opposed to rule by Chinese mainlanders, won up to 40 percent of the vote.

Analysts portray Lee as a shrewd politician who, while publicly preaching democracy, is committed to maintaining the absolute supremacy of the Nationalist party. — Review

Volatile market

SHARE prices ended lower in volatile trading yesterday as investors waited for news about the political situation in China.

The Hang Seng index dropped 82 points to 3,008 as \$3.93 billion worth of shares traded hands.

Exchange Square was dominated by local punters who switched heavily between stocks in a day of session trading.

Most investors appeared to be regaining faith in the underlying strong economic fundamentals for Hongkong, but they remained concerned about the outlook after the crisis is over. — Details in Business

Students say they will die to hold square

By Fan Cheuk-wan in Beijing

MORE than 100,000 Chinese university students yesterday vowed to protect Tiananmen Square with their lives to continue their month-long pro-democracy movement.

The pledge came as they inaugurated a new umbrella organisation, Command for Protection of Tiananmen, which also includes intellectuals and workers.

In a ceremony at the square, the students raised their right hands and, led by Miss Chai Lin, the organisation's newly selected general commander, made the pledge: "I hereby vow that I will risk my life and

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"I Li Peng and a handful of people insist on retrogression, we will press our achievements gained in the 10 years' reform... if we leave the square now, we will be guilty for thousands of years."

"Our student movement is fighting for democracy, human rights and social progress."

"What we are doing is something greater than any other revolutions in our history."

"Even the May Fourth Movement in 1919 and the April Fifth Movement in 1976 do not compare."

"Succed or not, history will give the people most glorious victory."

The students said they would not leave the square until the authorities removed troops from the city, lifted martial law and restored social order.

Since martial law was imposed last Saturday in parts of Beijing, student leaders had been severely split on whether they should leave the square

and whether the movement could last.

People claiming to represent different factions within the party and the government kept talking to the students, giving conflicting advice about whether to stay on or go.

Mr Wu'er, the former chairman of the Beijing Students' Autonomous Association, was sacked three nights ago because he asked the students to leave the square.

His request followed a talk with a representative of the China Welfare Fund for the Handicapped, headed by Deng Xiaoping's eldest son, Deng Pujing.

The next day, Mr Wang Dan was also taken to a hotel by a group of people from a computer company which was headed by a relative of Mr Wan Li, Chairman of the National People's Congress.

Meanwhile, government and student authorities yesterday gave conflicting versions of whether any hunger strikers had died.

The students said two fasters were dead, but the Chinese Central Television reported details from hospital authorities.

Mr Chen Wei, press spokesman of the Command for Protection of Tiananmen, said two had died, but gave no further details.

看望保卫电报大楼广播影视部指战员

新华社北京5月24日电 国务院秘书长罗干受李鹏总理的委托，今晚看望慰问了负责北京电报大楼、彩电中心、中央人民广播电台、国际广播电台工作的北京卫戍区指战员和武警战士。

首都医务界救治学生九千多人次

至今无一人死亡

本报北京5月24日电 记者王德福报道：自天安门广场学生绝食以来，首都医务界广大医护人员竭尽全力救治学生，至今无一人死亡。截至5月24日晚8时，全市82所医院救治学生共9156人次，在几家医院抢救危重的只有68人。

北京急救中心及同仁、协和、友谊等几十家医院全力以赴，不分昼夜精心救治学生。许多医护人员几天几夜不回家，还有的带病坚持在抢救线。在抢救过程中，医护人员不仅抢救生命，还注意学生的心理疏导。许多学生经过抢救后，情绪稳定，恢复了正常生活。

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新华社北京5月25日电 24日晚，170多辆警车在天安门广场戒严，戒严范围扩大到整个广场。在戒严期间，武警战士在主要路口设岗，维持秩序。尽管戒严严格，但市民生活基本正常，交通秩序良好。

联合国秘书长关注中国局势 希望不要发生暴力事件 意共总书记对中国局势表示不安

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一些省和自治区党委政府表示 拥护党中央国务院决策

新华社北京5月24日电 一些省、自治区党委、政府致电党中央、国务院，表示坚决拥护党中央、国务院的决策。他们表示，将坚决执行中央的指示，维护国家统一和社会稳定。

我国尚有五亿亩宜农荒地 主管部门提出因地制宜开发利用

新华社北京5月24日电 国家土地管理局根据土地资源普查情况提出，我国尚有五亿亩宜农荒地。主管部门建议因地制宜开发利用，提高土地利用效率，保障粮食安全。

开展“双学双比”竞赛 全国广大农村妇女

新华社北京5月24日电 为了促进农村妇女学习科学文化知识，提高生产技能，国家决定在全国广大农村开展“双学双比”竞赛活动。通过竞赛，激发农村妇女的学习热情，提高她们的综合素质。

银行增设三个月存款档次

从6月1日起实施

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科学论证重振经济 四川决定开发“三江”水能

新华社成都5月24日电 四川省政府最近作出重大决策，全力开发金沙江、大渡河、雅砻江的水能资源。这一决策旨在通过科学论证，重振四川经济，促进能源开发和环境保护。